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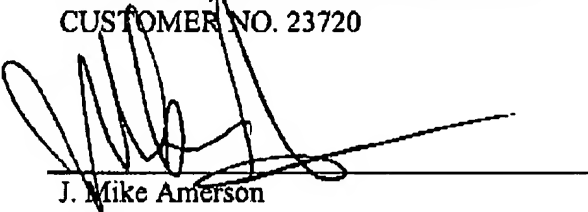
Examiner Pham telephoned the undersigned to discuss various proposed amendments that would place the present case in condition for allowance. No particular piece of prior art was discussed. Examiner Pham suggested that the proposed amendments be submitted to her via facsimile (571-273-1696) for her consideration. Accordingly, submitted herewith are proposed amendments to independent claims 1, 13 and 24. The undersigned hereby authorizes Examiner Pham to make the claim amendments suggested herein by way of Examiner's amendment should they be deemed acceptable.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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